

AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE – 17th November 2014

HEALTH AND SAFETY 6 MONTH REPORT

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Portfolio: Finance & Resources

Ward(s) affected: None

Purpose of the Report

To inform Members of issues and trends regarding health and safety at the council.

Recommendation

That the report be noted.

1. Background

1.1 Attached at Appendix A is the health and safety report submitted to the council. It covers the period 1st April 2014 to 30th September 2014.

2. Legal and Statutory Implications

2.1 The council is required to comply with all relevant Health and Safety legislation.

3. Equality Impact Assessment

3.1 Our health and safety policy and procedures apply equally to all employees. Training is available to all employees as required.

4. Financial & Resource Implications

4.1 The majority of health and safety training courses are carried out in-house. On occasions, external providers are required to conduct specialist training courses i.e. First Aid. The cost of this is met from within the existing Corporate Training budget.

5. Risks

5.1 Failure to adopt best practice health and safety standards could result in wastage of council resources and the provision of an inefficient service.

6. Issues

6.1 There has been a reduction (in comparison with this time last year) in numbers of days lost due to accidents at work. This has been down long term absences who have returned to work.

6.2 The report also summarises the issues that occurred at Birchenwood over the summer months where high levels of Legionella were detected during the routine sampling commissioned by Facilities Management and the work that is being undertaken to prevent a reoccurrence.